

ReadyTest A-Z Training Guide

A Teacher's Guide to ReadyTest A-Z

1 Access your Learning A-Z Account

Username _____ Password _____

2 Student Access to ReadyTest A-Z

Students can access ReadyTest A-Z at any time from any computer with an internet connection.

- A Go to www.kidsa-z.com
- B Enter Teacher Username
- C Select Student class chart symbol and log in name
- D Enter optional text or icon password
- E Select the ReadyTest A-Z planet



Notes:

3 Manage Students

Review your Class List

Student Enrollment

To add, restore or transfer students to your class list, click the “Add Students” button on the left side of the screen. To add new students, simply type in a teacher created username and optional student name in the space provided. To transfer an existing student to your class list, click the “Transfer Students” button towards the bottom of the page to search for the student or former teacher. Select the blue arrow in front of the name to add the student to your class.

Update Testing Schedule

Navigate to the ReadyTest A-Z tab from the Classroom Roster. Select the appropriate grade level and choose a rate for the whole class with the “set classroom assignment” drop down. “1 per week” will send the student a new test once a week based on the start date you select. “Continuous” will automatically send a new test every time the student passes a practice test until he or she completes the number of tests you have selected below.

Add a Password to Student Accounts

To help ensure students can only access their personal accounts, add a simple text or icon password from the general tab.

Grade

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Rate

1 per week

Start Date

06/09/2015

End Date

10/30/2015

Number of Tests

8

12

20

Save


☒ Assignment on


Password for Doe, Jane


☐ No password


☒ Text:


☐ One or two red icons


















































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Quick Tip:

Tests increase in length and rigor as students progress. Choosing 8 tests does not assign the first 8 tests available, but chooses from the full 20 test progression in order to reflect the increased duration and rigor of practice tests.

Notes:

Describe two ways you can share student login information with your students and their parents.

4 Resources

ReadyTest A-Z provides you with computer based and printable, high-stakes testing practice as well as test-taking lessons that can be used to teach effective strategies and skills. Navigate to the ReadyTest A-Z tab to explore the resources drop down menu to complete the activity below.

Resource	Summary	Implementation Idea
eTests		
Printable Tests		
Test-Taking Lessons		

Navigate to the Practice Test drawer and use the filters to look at the 8 week plan, 12 week plan and 20 week plan. Explain how the different plans compare to each other.

Quick Tip:

Use the eTest without answers to help model test taking strategies and computer based testing skills.

5 Test-Taking Lessons

A Preview Activity

Identify Important Text Features present in the sample passages on the left.

B Open Activity Lesson Plan

Navigate to the “Preview Lessons” within the Test-Taking Lessons Drawer to explore more text feature activities.

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Test-Taking Lessons

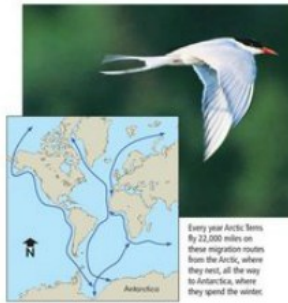
The Search for Food and Water

The most common reason why animals migrate is to find food and water. One of the most spectacular examples can be found in Africa. Every year more than a million wildebeests, which are large, grazing animals, migrate because of drought. When hot weather dries up grass and water supplies in one place, these fast-on-their-feet wildebeests travel in huge herds to find new sources of food and water. As these large mammals thunder



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across the great plains of eastern Africa, hundreds of thousands of zebras and gazelles join them on their journey.



Many birds also make spectacular journeys to find the food they need. Warblers, flycatchers, storks, pelicans, terns, and all kinds of other birds migrate every year to find food.

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How Do They Do It?

How do animals find their way when they migrate? Although scientists don't have all the answers yet, they are learning more every year about the mysteries of migration. Some animals, such as salmon, use their sense of smell to find the stream where they were first born. Others, such as indigo buntings and other night-flying birds, use the stars to guide their way. Day-flying birds use the sun and also watch for special landmarks, such as coastlines and mountains, to stay on course.

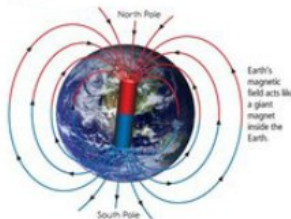


Indigo Bunting

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Scientists are still exploring other ways that animals navigate. They believe some animals are able to sense Earth's magnetic pull to guide them.



Magnetic Brains

Think of Earth as a giant magnet. Scientists think that many species of birds navigate by sensing Earth's magnetic north and south poles. They have found tiny particles of a magnetic substance, magnetite, in some birds' brains. They think these tiny particles are pulled by Earth's poles, helping guide birds as they migrate.

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C Explore Additional Lessons

Explore a few additional lesson plans and identify one you could use in the classroom. Write down how you would pair it with your current curriculum:

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